



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5277

LCO No. 1851



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL
STANDARDS FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT THAT
PROMOTES ACCESSIBILITY IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section: (1)
2 "Health care facility" means a hospital or an outpatient clinic, as such
3 terms are defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, a long-term
4 care facility, as defined in section 17a-405 of the general statutes, and a
5 hospice facility, licensed pursuant to section 19a-122b of the general
6 statutes; and (2) "medical diagnostic equipment" means (A) an
7 examination table, (B) an examination chair, (C) a weight scale, (D)
8 mammography equipment, and (E) x-ray, imaging and other
9 radiological diagnostic equipment.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
12 establish technical standards for medical diagnostic equipment
13 purchased by any health care facility on or after January 1, 2023, that
14 meet or exceed the technical standards for accessibility developed by the

15 federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in
 16 accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
 17 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time.

18 (c) Not later than October 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Public Health
 19 shall notify each physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
 20 general statutes of the technical standards for accessibility developed by
 21 the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board
 22 in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
 23 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, for medical
 24 diagnostic equipment. The commissioner shall also provide information
 25 to each physician describing the best practices for the safe provision of
 26 health care to individuals with accessibility needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require medical diagnostic equipment purchased by certain health care facilities to meet technical standards for accessibility by persons with disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]